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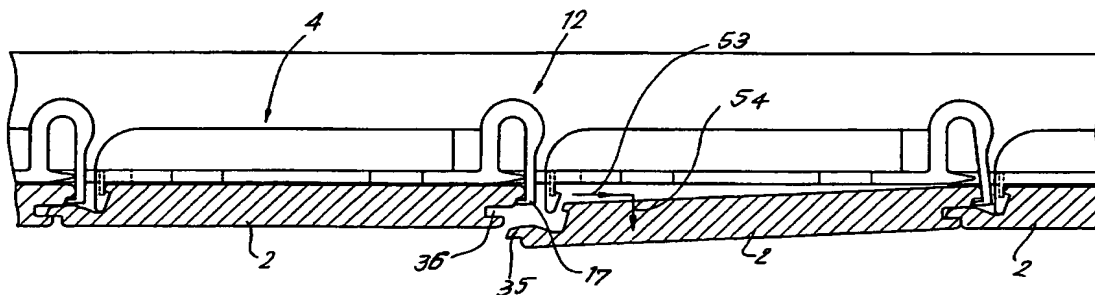
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(57) Abstract: Covering, in particular a floor, ceiling or wall covering, characterised in that it at least consists of a number of successive panels (2) on the one hand, and of fixing means (3) therefor on the other hand, which fixing means comprise holders (4) which, by means of fixing parts (10-11-12-13), retain the panels (2) in a disconnectable manner, over a part of the thickness of the panels (2).

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